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Office of Personnel

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ATTENTION : Chief, Employee Services Branch
Chief, Telephone Section/OL

Transportation - Telephone Operators

1. Reference is made to your recent inquiry relative to transportation difficulties encountered by telephone operators in reporting to and/or leaving work at 12:00 midnight seven days per week.
2. The present arrangement provides for Agency transportation from 10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. for the operators reporting to work at 12:00 midnight, likewise, the operators leaving at midnight are furnished transportation to 10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
3. This arrangement has proven satisfactory except in the instances set forth below:
 - a. One operator who resides in Takoma Park, Maryland would normally transfer to another bus to reach her residence. Connecting public transportation is not available at that hour. Consequently she is required to walk a distance of approximately one mile or hire a taxi whenever one is available.
 - b. Another operator who is regularly assigned to the 12:00 midnight to 8:00 AM shift normally rides with a neighbor and is left off at the corner of 23rd and Constitution Avenue, N. W. at approximately 10:45 each night. She must then walk the remaining distance to the Administration Building. While the distance involved is insignificant, the fact that this operator is middle aged and has mentioned the dimly lighted area she must travel and the hour of night, the matter has been of concern to this Office. This situation has just recently developed due to this employee moving to Falls Church, Virginia. Prior to that time the employee was able to obtain transportation with the husband of the other regularly assigned operator.
4. While at the present time only two of the operators have voiced their opinion concerning transportation difficulties there have been instances in the past where applicants have declined employment for reason of the shift work schedule and the poor public transportation facilities available at night.

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